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To Dr. Kuenberg

Professor William S. Johnson, Chairman
Department of Chemistry
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

Dear Bill:

I am writing to you to inquire whether there might be a position in your department or in an associated department such as Biochemistry for an outstanding man. His name is Lubert Stryer and he worked with me for three years while he was a medical student at Harvard. He graduated magna cum laude in 1961, and has since held a Helen Hay Whitney Research Fellowship. His biographical sketch is attached.

While working for me he did an outstanding job in an investigation of the rotatory dispersion of dyes bound to biological macromolecules. He not only has a real insight into physical-chemical phenomena, but has a drive and understanding in the laboratory which will surely make him an outstanding research scientist. Since leaving me he spent a year with Ed Purcell in the Department of Physics in order to strengthen his background in fundamental physics and mathematics. He is currently working with John Kendrew in Cambridge on a structural problem relating to myoglobin. I realize his background is a bit unusual for a position in a chemistry department, but I am confident that Lubert Stryer has the ability and drive to make himself an important member of such a group. As things now stand, he will be ready to take up an appointment about January of 1964, which means that he will still have six months or so left in his Helen Hay Whitney Fellowship.

If, perchance, you do not feel that there is an opening in Chemistry at Stanford, I would appreciate your passing this letter on to

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the appropriate person in the Medical School or wherever you see fit. Stryer wants to spend some time on the West Coast, since all of his early education has been in the East. I am hopeful we can lure him back to Harvard eventually.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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E. R. Blout

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CC: Dr. Carl Djerassi ✓

P.S. As you can see, I am sending a copy of this letter to Carl Djerassi, who undoubtedly knows some of his work.

Arthur - are you interested?
Carl